

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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BERNARD B. MIMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

PAYTON E. MICHAUD,

Defendant.

ORDER

Case No. 20-cv-347-wmc

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Plaintiff Bernard B. Mims, a prisoner at the Elkton Federal Correctional Institution in Lisbon, Ohio, has filed a complaint against defendant Payton E. Michaud under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 and 28 U.S.C. § 1367. Plaintiff has paid the full filing fee. On May 1, 2020, I issued an order stating that because plaintiff is a prisoner, his case was being taken under advisement for screening under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. Dkt. #3. However, § 1915A applies only to complaints in which a prisoner is seeking redress from “a government agency or officer or employee of a governmental entity.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). Here, defendant is a non-governmental individual. Therefore, § 1915A does not apply and the court need not screen plaintiff’s complaint before the case proceeds.

The next step is for plaintiff to serve his complaint on defendant in accordance with Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Accordingly, the clerk of court is directed to issue a summons and forward it to plaintiff for service on defendant.

Entered this 5th day of May, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

/s/  
PETER OPPENEER  
Magistrate Judge